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Office Hours

Monday- Closed
Tuesday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Wednesday- 1:30 am-6:30 pm
Thursday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Friday- 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday- Closed

Sunday Masses

Saturday- ENGLISH 5:00 pm
Sunday- ENGLISH 11:00 am
POLISH 9:30 am
POLISH 12:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday- ENGLISH 6:30 pm
Wednesday- POLISH 6:30 pm
Thursday- ENGLISH 9:00 am
Friday- POLISH 6:30 pm

First Fridays- BILINGUAL 6:30 pm
(Adoration and Confessions from 5:30-6:30.
First Friday Devotions at 6:30, Holy Mass to follow)
First Saturdays- BILINGUAL 9:00 am

Adoration

Fridays- 5:30 pm-6:25 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tues. & Wed.- 6:00 pm-6:20 pm
Thursdays- 8:30 am-8:50 am
Fridays- 5:30 pm-6:20 pm
Saturdays- 4:00 pm-4:50 pm



New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish community! Parish registration simplifies the process of receiving sacraments such as baptism or marriage, obtaining any documents you may need, and receiving a tax receipt for your contributions. Registration can be completed at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Those wishing to have their child baptized should register at the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Anyone wishing to marry at our church must contact the Parish Office one year prior to the wedding. See our website for more details.

Funerals

Please contact the funeral home of your choice to make the arrangements. The funeral home will then contact us.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you have a seriously ill family member, friend or a loved one in hospital, a Catholic priest is available on call 24 hours per day. Requests should be addressed to nursing staff. Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick are also available to all who are ill or housebound. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:30 am ++ Za zmarłych z rodziny Melcherskich
POLISH
11:00 am – Parishioners & benefactors
ENGLISH
12:30 pm + Agnieszka Kmieć
POLISH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:00 pm WYPOMINKI / DEVOTION FOR ALL THE
EN / PL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
6:30 pm ++ Raffaele & Giovanna Butera
ENGLISH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 pm WYPOMINKI / DEVOTION FOR ALL THE
EN / PL FAITHFUL DEPARTED
6:30 pm +++ Za dusze w czyśćcu cierpiące
POLISH
+ Janina Fryś
+ Grażyna Oldziej
+ Janina Cerajewska
+ Michael Jason Lewis, rocznica śmierci

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am +++ All Souls in Purgatory
ENGLISH
+ Valeria Philips
+ Edward Radziwillowicz
+ Paula Miller
+ Richard Piasecki
– God's blessings for Frank Nemeth

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:30 pm ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT / CONFESSIONS
6:30 pm FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS, MASS TO FOLLOW
EN / PL
– Za naród Polski i Kapłanów Maryjnych

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 am – O Boże miłosierdzie i opiekę dla Kuby
EN / PL
5:00 pm ++ O życie wieczne dla Władysława
ENGLISH Zuchowskiego, w 1 rocznicę śmierci, oraz
za śp. Teresę i Kazimierza Poznański

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3- 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 am – Za członków żywego różańca
POLISH
11:00 am + Albert F. Risso
ENGLISH
12:30 pm – Za parafian i dobrodziejów
POLISH

OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 18th / 19th

Sunday Offerings \$3,864.45
Preauthorized Payments \$892.00
Building Fund \$1,854.00

Thank you for your support of our parish!

DONUTS

The Optimists Club will be selling coffee and donuts this Sunday.



BAPTISM

On Saturday, November 25th, the sacrament of baptism will be bestowed upon:

Dragon William Gerard Cigan
Son of David & Shanna

Maui Juan William Pineyro
Son of Johnny & Shanna

RORATE MASSES FOR CHILDREN

In preparation for Christmas, we invite all children for special bilingual Rorate Masses every Friday from December 1st until December 22nd. Please bring a lantern. Following Mass, we invite all children for hot chocolate in the parish hall. For more information, please see Sr. Alicja.



ADVENT RETREAT

Mark your calendars for our four-day Advent Retreat led by Fr. Chris Szkubera CR. The Retreat will take place from Saturday, December 16th until Tuesday, December 19th, 2023. Fr. Chris is Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener and is a member of the Congregation of the Resurrectionists, who established St. Gabriel parish.

RETREAT SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 16th – 5:00 pm (ENGLISH)
Sunday, December 17th – 9:30 am (POLISH)
11:00 am (ENGLISH)
12:30 pm (POLISH)
Monday, December 18th – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)
7:30 pm (POLISH)
Tuesday, December 19th – 6:30 pm (ENGLISH)
7:30 pm (POLISH)

Confessions will be heard half an hour before Retreat Masses on Monday and Tuesday

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2024 will be available for pickup after every weekend Mass on Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd in the narthex of the Church. Please note: new registrations in December will receive their offertory boxes for 2024.

PARISH STORE

Christmas cards (English and Polish) and Christmas wafers (opłatki) are available for purchase in the parish store after each Sunday Mass.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a meeting for parents and a training session for all altar servers on Tuesday, November 28th and Thursday November 30th at 7:00 pm in the church. Parents and servers are asked to attend either one of those dates. To sign up as a new altar server, please speak with one of our priests or contact the parish office.



MEETING- ENGLISH LECTORS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Lectors reading during **English Masses** on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in the church.

KOC- CHRISTMAS CAKES AND COOKIES

Please pick up your order in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, December 2nd after the 5:00 pm Mass or Sunday, December 3rd after the 9:30 am, 11:00 am or 12:30 pm Masses.** If you are unable to pick up your order at either of these days, please email us at: stgabrielskofc@gmail.com to make other arrangements. Thank you for your support, and Merry Christmas to you and your family!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Friends of the Oblate Missions invite you to a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Shop at the Christmas Fair and buy Christmas decorations made by our parishioners showcasing their heartfelt creations. You will find beautiful jewelry, baked goods, tasty treats, home decor, Christmas cards, winter clothing, books, and much more. See you there!

JASEŁKA- NATIVITY PLAY

We invite all parishioners for our annual nativity play led by our children on Sunday, January 7th, 2024 following the 12:30 pm Mass (in Polish).

COFFEE AND DONUTS CALENDAR-2024

Attention all parish groups & ministries! If you would like the opportunity to sell coffee and donuts for fundraising purposes, a new schedule is being created for next year. Please contact the parish office to sign up.



YTOL- YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

YTOL (Youth Teams of Our Lady) Canada welcomes and invites all young adults for an in-person retreat filled with conferences, discussions, prayer, Adoration, Mass, confessions and social opportunities. The topic is "How to have hope in a world filled with evil." For more details, please email ytolcanada@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREE- FUNDRAISER

Windy Hill Christmas Tree Farm is a family-owned business with fundraising opportunities. The Forbes Family invites you to cut your own fresh Christmas tree. For every tree that is purchased by you, a parishioner, the Forbes Family will donate \$10 per tree to our Church! **Make sure to bring a copy of this bulletin with you when purchasing.**



A variety of trees are available: Norway/ White/ Blue Spruce and Fraser/Balsam/Concolour Fir (short needled, open canopy, pesticide free). Red Dogwood twigs, greenery and ready-made pots are available. **Cash sales only.** The farm is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Call Ruth and Jim Forbes at 905-659-2221 for pricing or for appointments. Windy Hill Christmas Tree Farm is at 15 Glenron Road, off Mountsberg Road. Watch for signs on Guelph Line, Campbellville, Mountsberg or Centre Roads.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Smith's Funeral Homes is hosting their annual Christmas Memorial Service in Burlington on Sunday, December 10th, 2023 at 4 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington. This ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service will offer families an opportunity to honour their loved ones at a special time of year and cherish their memories as their names are read aloud and candles are lit as a symbol of hope and comfort. **For more information:**
<https://www.smithsfh.com/christmas-memorial-services>
To RSVP:
<https://www.smithsfh.com/burlington-memorial-service-rsvp>

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or on Zoom. The event is FREE. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat or to receive the Zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by Zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)